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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-U.S. listed document is attached.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,764,670
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,586,131
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,699,373
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,659,560
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,854,901
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 7,062,116
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 7,248,995
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,789,750

- (9) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0085160
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- (13) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0039431
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Document (8) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of document (16). An English-language abstract is provided for document (16).

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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